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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ON ZAIRE'S ANGOLAN POLICY

1. IN OCTOBER 13 INTERVIEW BY ORTF AT LE BOURGET AIRPORT PARIS, REBROADCAST HERE OCTOBER 15, MOBUTU FIELDLED AS FOLLOWS QUESTION OF WHETHER ZAIRE'S PURCHASE OF MIRAGE AIRCRAFT FROM FRANCE IS RELATED TO PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE SAID ZAIRE IS PEACEFUL COUNTRY, BUT THERE IS SAYING, "TO HAVE PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR". IN VIEW OF LONG BORDER WITH ANGOLA AND DANGERS TO SOUTH, ZAIRE IS ORGANIZING DISSUASIVE FORCE "TO STRENGTHEN STABILITY, PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF OUR PEOPLE."

2. ASKED TO COMMENT ON ARTICLES OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER IN MAGAZINE AFRIQUE-ASIE TO EFFECT HE PLAYING OFF HOLDEN ROBERTO AGAINST AGOSTINO NETO, MOBUTU REPLIED
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THAT THERE ARE NOT TWO COUNTRIES IN AFRICA THAT GIVE

AS MUCH AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS--IN ANGOLA
AND ELSEWHERE--AS ZAIRE. HE SAID HE HAS HIRED A PARIS
LAWYER TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AFRIQUE-ASIE. "IN
DAYS AHEAD ITS EDITOR WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF
CONCERNING THESE UNSAVORY CHARGES."
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